

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Michigan

CM/ECF INFORMER

Welcome to Our First Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- How to file Amended Motions
- Conversion to CM/ECF Version 3.1
- How to file Amended Schedules
- Pay.gov Maintenance

Welcome to the first edition of the CM/ECF Informer. The CM/ECF newsletter is designed to give e-filers updated information about filing electronically as well as tips to help make electronic filing easier.

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Conversion to CM/ECF Version 3.1

As many of you already know, the court converted to CM/ECF Version 3.1 on October 16, 2006. The conversion complies with remaining portions of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA) which took effect October 20, 2006. Version 3.1 implements new statistical reporting and other requirements mandated by BAPCPA. As noted on the court's web site under the 'News' link, attorneys were advised to upgrade their bankruptcy software programs by October 16, 2006 in order to comply with version 3.1. For more changes resulting from version 3.1, see page 2.

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Have a Question??

The ECF HelpDesk is available during normal office hours: 8:00 - 4:00 PM, Monday - Friday.

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New Official Forms

Please be aware that the Judicial Conference approved revisions to several Official Forms. These changes include Exhibit D, which must accompany the Voluntary Petition. The Summary of Schedules has been amended on the second page which requests additional information for statistical purposes (see *Importance of Choosing the Correct Event*). All new Official Forms took effect October 1, 2006 and may be viewed on the court's web site at www.uscourts.gov/bankform.

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Importance of Choosing the Correct Event

It has always been important to select the correct event and now due to the changes in version 3.1 it is also important to answer any questions that may appear within events. Here's why. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 (BAPCPA) requires the bankruptcy clerk to collect statistical information. Some of the information is captured within events through the use of prompts or questions. If these questions are not answered, then the required statistical information based on those events will not be transmitted. Please be sure to answer any and all questions presented in events when electronically filing documents.



Filing Amended Motions

If you need to amend a motion, please use the event "Amended Motion/Application". This event can be found under the 'Motions/Applications/Stipulations' category. The event will prompt you to relate the amended motion to the original motion.

Pay.Gov

Pay.gov will be upgrading the internet credit card payment system beginning the week of November 23, 2006. As a result, all CM/ECF users making fee payments by internet credit card through Pay.gov must use a browser that supports 128 bit encryption. Listed below is a list, provided by Pay.gov, containing supported versions of browsers.



Minimum browser requirements to support 128 bit encryption:

IE 6.0 (Recommended)
Mozilla Firefox 1.5 or greater
Mozilla 1.7 or greater
Netscape 7.x
Safari 1.2 (for MAC users)

Not Recommended:

IE 5.5 or lower

Amending Schedules

The events have been changed for amending schedules. Instead of a separate event for amending schedules, please use the appropriate "Schedule" event. For example, if you need to file amended schedule A, select the event 'Schedule A'. The event will ask if you are amending the schedule. By answering "yes" to this question, the text will automatically read "Amended Schedule A". If all schedules are being amended, there is an event titled 'Schedule A-J' as well as 'Schedule A-H'. These two events will save you time from having to file each schedule separately.

"By answering "yes" to this question, the text will automatically read "Amended Schedule A". "



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